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and the Ming dynasty, which the Manchus overthrew when the time was ripe, began with a victorious commander ruling in accordance with the wisdom of the Chinese sages.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

**A Winter in India.** Light Impressions of Its Cities, Peoples, and Customs. By Archibald B. Spens. xiii and 302 pp. Map, ills., index. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, 1914. \$1.75. 8 x 5½.

This is an entertaining record of a winter's tour in India. From place to place the reader follows the author with unflagging interest and enthusiasm. With the government officials he inspects the Umballa jail, traverses the barren desolation of the Khyber Pass, learns at Amritsar the story of the Gurus and the foundation of Sikhism, sees the holy city of Benares at prayer and is repelled by the wretched, soulless habitués of a Bombay opium den. These are but a few of the places visited, and each is charmingly and vividly portrayed. The author's description of the domes and pinnacles of the immortal Taj Mahal at Agra and his story of the erection of this world-famous mausoleum are excellent. Historic Cawnpore, Lucknow, and Delhi—scenes of the three great sieges of the Sepoy Mutiny—are treated at length. The volume, illustrated throughout with superior photographs, closes with a translation of Count Charles de Lesseps's paper on the Suez Canal. "Merely a little book of impressions," the author calls it, but impressions which convey, in no small degree, much of the wondrous color, the incongruity, and the weird fascination of India.

E. M. GEORGE.

**Beyond the Pir Panjal.** Life and missionary enterprise in Kashmir. By Ernest F. Neve. viii and 178 pp. Ills. Church Missionary Society, London, 1914. 2s. 6d. 9 x 6.

The Pir Panjal range forms the highest line of the mountain barrier which divides Kashmir from the plains of Northern India. Beyond the Pir Panjal, in Kashmir, the author lived and worked for more than twenty-five years. Dr. Neve describes the country and its people, their life, customs, industries and religions. He tells of the noble work that is being carried on by Christian missionaries. The Christian medical work is doing great good. In the Mission Hospital in Kashmir last year, he writes, there were "23,642 new out-patients, and 1,979 in-patients in the hospital." The people represented every class of society. They came from the villages scattered throughout Kashmir, the plains of India, and some few from Tibet, Afghanistan, and even Yarkand and Khotan. More medical missionaries and missions are needed. The author says: "If what I have written should inspire any qualified men or women, doctors or nurses, to take up such work as their career, the time spent in writing these pages will have been indeed worth while." The book is well illustrated with photographs.

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

**Life in an Indian Outpost.** By Major Gordon Casserly. xvi and 320 pp. Ills. 320 pp. T. Werner Laurie, Ltd., London, 1913 (9) 12s. 6d. 8½ x 5½.

The author writes of the daily life in a far British outpost in India. One cannot but feel the appeal in the descriptions of a place so far removed from the most limited civilization as is Buxa at the foot of the Himalayas. The narrative relates to a country of jungle-covered hills and dense forests, where wild game abounds, to forest fires and the monsoons, to glowing Indian colors, natural and artificial, the latter relating to the Indian Durbar, and sumptuous surroundings in the palaces of the native princes. Chapters 6 and 7 give interesting accounts of the rogue elephant in the jungle and its "hunting down." Major Casserly has written many curious personal incidents, and no page of his book is lacking in interest.

ALICE CHURCH BARTLETT.

**L'Ile de Chypre.** Séjour de 3 ans au pays de Paphie-Vénus. Par René Delaporte. 359 pp. Joseph Barratier, Grenoble, 1913. Fr. 4. 9 x 6.

A French description of the third largest island in the Mediterranean, based upon a three years' residence there by a former director of *L'Alliance Française*